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ATTN: Karen Bronson, VP

RE: Risk Purchasing Group Application - DME/OP Purchasing Group, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bronson:

As you are aware, this Office has been in recent contact with Mr. Derek Shafer, representing DME/OP Purchasing Group, Inc.

As most recently stated in Mr. Tompkins' July 7th letter to Mr. Shafer, it is our position that DME/OP Purchasing Group, Inc. fails to meet the federal and state definition of a purchasing group under the LRRA of 1986.

Therefore, the application is denied.

WAC 284-92-210 provides that "No purchasing group may provide insurance, offer to provide insurance, or solicit or invite applications for insurance, as to Washington residents, or otherwise transact insurance in Washington or with respect to Washington residents, until it is registered."

WAC 284-92-220 provides that: "No purchasing group is registered until it has been notified by this Office that it is registered. There is no 'deemer.'"

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 360-725-7206 or by e-mail at KrisG@oic.wa.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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cc: James Tompkins; Asst. Deputy Commissioner Marshall McGinnis; Mgr., Company Licensing Derek J. Shafer